Export of Akash, Trishul, Nag and Brahmos

1682. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Defence Research and Development Organisation, after getting approval from Government, has decided to export Akash, Trishul, Nag and Brahmos to other countries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many countries in Africa, Gulf and South East Asia are very keen in purchasing the above missiles;

(c) if so, whether the DRDO has prepared any action plan for export of these missiles; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Missiles being developed by Department of Defence Research and Development have the export potential. Government will take appropriate decision at suitable time for export of missiles, to friendly countries. However, Department of Defence Research and Development has not been contacted by any country for the purchase of missiles till now.

(d) Does not arise.

Training of IAF pilots by RAF, UK

1683. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the Indian Air Force pilots have successfully completed fast jet flying course from RAF, UK, to fly Hawks which India is going to get from UK;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India is going to send any additional pilots to UK for training;